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Reply in response to requirement for Interview Summary of October 20, 2009

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TITLE: METHOD OF BREAKING A BRITTLE SUBSTRATE

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Sir:

In response to the requirement for Interview Summary of
October 20, 2009, please consider the remarks as follows:

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Reply is being filed in response to the requirement for Interview Summary of October 20, 2009.

The Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Elve during the conference call on October 16, 2009, between Examiner Elve and Gregory L. Thorne, representative for the Applicants (hereinafter, the "Representative"). In accordance with the requirements of MPEP §713.04 and 37 CFR §1.133, following is an Interview Summary produced by the Representative.

During the conference call, the matters discussed and results of the discussion are:

- We discussed the limitations added by the Applicants amendment submitted on December 8, 2008 and the position that these "New" recitations were never addressed by subsequent Office Actions, namely the Non-Final Office Action of March 4, 2009 and the Final Office Action of September 1, 2009. The Examiner raised the issue of the timeliness of this matter and the Representative pointed out these arguments were provided in a timely manner in the

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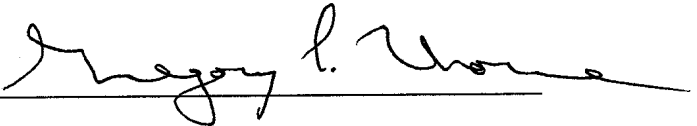
Amendment submitted on June 4, 2009 and are continued raised by the conference call. No consensus on this position was reached.

- We discussed the limitations of claim 1 for example and the deficiencies of the prior art references, namely, Hoekstra and Bookbinder, and particularly the deficiencies of Hoekstra with regard to the limitations of "focusing a laser beam on an exposed surface of the substrate ..." as for example recited in claim 1. No consensus on this position was reached.
- We discussed the limitations of claim 12 and the deficiencies of the prior art references regarding claim 12. Consensus on this position was reached in that the examiner agreed to look at claim 12 and if warranted, to search and see if this claim is allowable based on existing or new found art. I agreed to ask my client if they would agree to an amendment to include the subject matter of claim 12 into the independent claims.

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- We agreed to talk again to discuss what the result of the Examiner's search was regarding claim 12 and what was decided by the Applicants regarding claim 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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